

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th
July



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, we have some goodbyes to share, as well as some exciting welcomes. We also wanted to let you know where staff will be working next year.

Pod interventions: Ms Zerrouki, Ms Jay and Ms Jacqui

EYFS: Ms King, Ms Ruddiman and Ms Zelal

Year 1: Mrs Worley and Ms Abigail

Year 2: Ms Fryatt, Ms Cynthia and Ms Jay

Year 3: Ms Paul (am) Ms Clark (pm) Mr Ash

Year 4: Ms Anderson, Ms Belinda and Mr Gray

Year 5: Ms Calixte and Ms Kim

Year 6: Ms Jeary (Hope) , Ms Ryan (Faith), Mr Selvin and Ms Darlene

We are sad to be saying goodbye to our wonderful Mr Christian, who has grown with the school and is now ready for pastures new. We are also sad to say goodbye to the ever-patient and positive Mr Patrick. Our much-loved spanish teacher Mr Enric will also be a great loss as he heads to Spain with his new family. We also say goodbye to Ms Thomas, who has had an incredible impact on the children in Year 6.

Alongside these goodbyes, we are pleased to share some exciting changes and welcomes.

We welcome Levon, who will take responsibility for our extended day provision, leading from Breakfast Club through to Play Centre. With his background in youth work, Levon will also become part of our DSL team.

We are also delighted to welcome Ms King who brings energy, enthusiasm and a real love for Early Years. We are delighted that Ms Jacqui will deliver an enrichment curriculum in The POD in the afternoons, following the success of her gardening and cooking clubs this term.



Mr Levon



Ms Jacqui



Ms King

We wish all of our leavers the very best of luck and look forward to seeing out the end

Friday 17th July
Final Day of the
school year



Monday 21st July
INSET day - not
school for
children



Monday 21st
July-Wednesday
2nd September
Summer Holiday



Wednesday 2nd
September
INSET day - not
school for
children



Thursday 3rd
September
Start of new
school year



of term together in faith, hope and love.

With warmest wishes,
St Matthias

Uniform

School uniform

							
Grey or black skirt	Grey pinafore or blue gingham summer dress	Grey or black trousers (not joggers)	White shirt (short or long sleeved)	Blue jumper with logo badge	Blue cardigan with logo badge	Navy and gold striped tie	Black shoes (can be 100% black trainers)

PE kit

						
Jogging pants or shorts Navy or Black	Plain white T-Shirt	Or White logo polo	Blue jumper with logo badge	Or fleece top with logo badge	100% black trainers	Black plimsolls

As we approach Summer Term 2, I would like to emphasise that cycling shorts are not to be worn as uniform. Girls need to wear skirts or dresses.

On PE days, (knee length) shorts are permitted. It is really important children remain presentable and respectable in the hot weather.

Holiday Club Activities

THE ACS SUMMER CAMP

£100
per week
or £25/day

FREE

spaces for children
on free school meals
& FREE lunch provided

**AGES
8-13**



Summer camp dates:
20th July - 14th August 2026

Time:

9.00am - 4.00pm

9.00am - 1.00pm (funded children)

Extended hour 9.00am - 5.00pm:

£10.00 per hour

Location:

The Bridge Academy
Laburnum St, London E2 8BA

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NOW**

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<https://bit.ly/SummerPlay2026>

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ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Educational learning programs
- ✓ Sport
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Outdoor play
- ✓ Trips

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THE SUMMER MULTISPORTS CAMP

MON 27TH JULY – FRI 21ST AUGUST 2026 | 9AM – 4:30PM

A SUMMER OF SPORTS, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDS FOR AGES 5-11.

GAINSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
BERKSHIRE ROAD
HACKNEY, E9 5ND

ENTRANCE GATE AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL, UNDER GAINSBOROUGH CANAL BRIDGE

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

STANDARD WEEKLY RATE : £130

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 26/06) : £120

SCAN TO JOIN THE FUN

EMAIL : CAMPS@THEBADUWAY.COM

CONTACT : 07852726907



Physical Education

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in the appropriate PE kit.

Summer 2 P.E Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 6 Year 3	Year 5 Faith	Year 4 Year 5 Hope	EYFS Year 1

News from our classes
What has been the most memorable learning this week?

EYFS:

Another busy week in EYFS. Football fever gripped us all on Monday morning as England played an early morning game. Mrs Blewett allowed us to watch the highlights during our morning assembly and we cheered and sang "its coming home" in our best EYFS voices.

Another very warm week, so time for water play and games in the sunshine.

Also remembering to drink water and top up our suncream during the day.

Across the classrooms we have been thinking about summer holidays and all the exciting things we could do, building sandcastles at the beach, going swimming, playing with friends at the park, having an ice-cream with family or jetting off on a plane to somewhere new and exciting.



With the end of term almost here, we have organised a Teddy Bears Picnic for Thursday 16th @ 2pm. We are asking each family to donate a healthy snack to share with friends, e.g. Strawberries, apples, rice cakes, crackers..... Please see the list outside classrooms to sign up for what you would like to donate.

Well done EYFS, a great week of learning.

Year 1:

The week began with the class gripped by football fever as England secured their place in the quarter-finals! The classroom was filled with cheers, excitement and plenty of football talk as together they watched the exciting highlights.

In RE, we listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and discussed what it really means to love our neighbour through kindness, compassion and helping others, even if they are different to us.

In Maths, we continued our learning about Time. The children learned about a calendar year, explored the differences between analogue and digital clocks, made their own clock faces and practised reading and identifying different times.

In Writing, we completed our recipe writing by adding some brilliant top tips for chefs and some wonderfully imaginative ideas for tempting their bears with delicious treats!

In Humanities, we immersed ourselves in the vibrant spirit of Carnival by designing costumes before celebrating with our very own mini carnival. We also enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Museum of the Home, where we explored how patterns tell stories and learned about families who migrated from overseas, including a Caribbean family which linked beautifully with our learning about the Windrush Generation.

The children also enjoyed their transition afternoon, spending time in what will soon be their new classroom. It was wonderful to see them embracing this exciting next step with such confidence and enthusiasm.

As we head into our final week together, it's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by. Looking back, it has been a privilege to watch the children grow, not only academically, but also in confidence, independence, resilience and kindness. They should all be immensely proud of how far they have come. We can't wait to make our last week together one to remember!

👏 Well done year 1, another fab week!

Year 2:

We have been enjoying our final weeks together with lots of learning and fun. We have been very busy in maths learning to measure length, height and distance accurately. In writing we practised writing explanation sentences and instructions for our invention and in humanities we had the chance to write all about what we knew about Jamaica. We were also lucky enough to be invited to the Year 1 Carnival celebrations! To take part we made carnival crowns, played instruments and did lots of dancing!

Year 3:

This week, Year 3 have been focusing on telling the time, exploring minutes past and minutes to the hour. We have worked hard to develop our confidence in reading analogue clocks.

In Science, we learned about sedimentary rocks and discovered that fossils are often found within them. We also learned about the "Princess of Palaeontology," Mary Anning, whose incredible fossil discoveries, including the plesiosaur and ichthyosaur, changed our understanding of prehistoric life.

To end the week, we had the exciting opportunity to visit our new classroom for next year. It was wonderful to explore our new learning environment and get excited about the year ahead!

Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning and enthusiasm. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4:

Year 4 has had another fantastic week of learning! We have continued reading *Harry Potter* and are absolutely loving following Harry's adventures together. In Maths, we have been working hard using mirrors to identify and draw lines of symmetry on both regular and irregular polygons. In Writing, we proudly published our biographies of Jacques Cousteau, showcasing all of the fantastic skills we have developed this half term.

In RE, the children wrote thoughtful and beautiful Psalm prayers before confidently performing them to the class. In Science, we carried out exciting experiments exploring changes of state by observing melting, boiling and freezing. In Humanities, we compared metal mining in Zambia and Wales, learning about both its importance and the dangers it can bring to people and the environment.

We also enjoyed a wonderful transition afternoon in our new Year 5 classroom with Ms Calixte, where everyone settled in brilliantly and embraced the exciting changes ahead.

The children continue to work incredibly hard, and we are all looking forward to celebrating our final week together. Well done, Year 4! 🌟

Year 5 Faith: Faith have had another amazing week, despite the heat they have continued to show resilience and determination! In maths we continued our work with fractions, as we are near to the end of our unit, they used their prior learning to help them with equivalent fractions! In writing Faith really enjoyed participating in a debate about Gorilla's being kept in captivity, sharing amazing points and evidence! In reading we continued reading our text, fully engaged as more was revealed, they asked many in depth questions! In Science, we looked at development and in particular puberty, relating it back to our PSHE unit, learning more about their bodies and asking insightful questions. Well done year 5, you have been amazing this week and you have worked really hard!	Year 5 Hope Another super busy week as the year slowly draws to a close! We have continued our learning and the children have yet again demonstrated their extreme resilience with the high temperatures. We have been learning about balanced arguments in relation to whether gorillas should be kept in captivity or not. We have been practising debates arguing for and against, which has helped us understand the structure of balanced arguments. In maths, we have continued developing our knowledge and understanding of fractions with a focus on equivalent fractions. We learnt about the city of Freiburg in humanities, which is located in Germany and known for being a sustainable city due to their use of trams, incentives to recycle and their use of solar power. It has been an exciting end to the week with the children finding out their new classes for year 6 and spending time with myself and Ms Jeary on their transition afternoon on Friday. I am very proud of the children and look forward to their final week in year 5!	Year 6 This week has been an incredibly busy and exciting penultimate week for Year 6! After weeks of dedication, rehearsals and hard work, the children delivered a fantastic performance of <i>Oliver</i>! We are so proud of every single pupil for their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm on stage. From making our own props to perfecting each scene, everything came together brilliantly, making the production a huge success. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a memorable trip to the National Theatre to watch the spectacular production of <i>War Horse</i>. The children were captivated by the incredible puppetry, acting and storytelling, and it was a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre. Despite the hot weather, the children have also had lots of fun during playtimes, finding ways to keep cool while enjoying time with their friends. It has been another fantastic week, and we are looking forward to making the most of our final week together!	
Hot chocolate Friday! Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.			



Nursery and Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6 o
Aurora Raine	Shae	Kamirah	Daniel	Berekia	Henry	Joellianna	Lola

School value in focus this week **kindness**:

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.



The pupils who have shown excellent **kindness** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Georgia	Aysia-Leigh	Maison	Stan & Kasey	Crystal	Nayala and Eliza	Ellis	Chloe

COMMUNITY & PARTNER EVENTS

African Community School Saturday Programme

Every Saturday during term time, 10:00am-1:00pm, The Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street, London E2 8BA. GCSE/SATs prep plus cultural enrichment. [Register

Here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Md0mzIMUMUyOp8YQ6zje9XaenChOPs9EjK3ZjRgcsxhUMLZSWUEzUVY0RVpGNDQzODdWN0FaSU5NTC4u&route=shorturl>]

Creative Wellbeing Courses

Drawing and Painting (5 weeks): Thursdays 18 June – 16 July, 11am–2pm.

Aspland and Marcon Estate, E8 1LP. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/4s1793g

Jewellery Making (5 weeks): Mondays 8 June – 20 July, 11am–2pm.

Pembury Community Centre, E8 1FA. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/47sEJaP

Sewing (5 weeks): Thursdays 17 April – 21 May, 10:30am–1:30pm.

Ashwin Street Bootstrap Building, E8 3DL. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/4rZ6RcW

Volunteer Mentoring in Hackney

African Community School recruiting mentors for young people aged 9–18. Open to undergraduates, postgraduates, and professionals.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from 11 to 17 May 2026. This year's theme focuses on community and the importance of connection, belonging, and supportive relationships in protecting mental health and wellbeing.

We would like to recognise the continued work taking place across schools and services to support the wellbeing of children and young people across City and Hackney. This month also marks World Day for Cultural Diversity. We

encourage schools and partners to use this as an opportunity to reflect on wellbeing, connection, inclusion, and the communities we serve.

Support for Children & Young People

- Childline: Dial 0800 1111 or visit the website to talk to someone and get text support.
- Every Mind Matters: Simple and practical ways to ease anxiety, manage stress, lift mood, and sleep better
- Young Minds: Information and support for CYP or for someone wanting to help a child or young person who is struggling with their mental health
- Clear Fear app: Information and support to reduce the physical responses to threat as well as changing thoughts and behaviours, and releasing emotions
- Calm Harm: Information and support to help manage the urge to self-harm, based on Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)

Keeping Children Safe

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Blewett) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Frohock, Ms Cherid or Ms Janeice).



Lucy Blewett
Headteacher
DSL



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Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL



Yasmine Cherid
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SENDCO



Janiece Headley-Walker
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